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If the beautiful young Lady who came up Ludgate-Hill, and went into St. Paul's Church-Yard, at the North Side, at Twelve o'Clock on Wednesday Noon, will direct a Line for W. M. at Somerset-House Coffee House in the Strand, acquainting him where he may be so happy, as to have an Interview with her, she will infinitely oblige one, who cannot set his Heart at rest till he sees again the Object of his Desires. The Lady was rather short than tall, had light-colour'd Hair a little rumpled and dishevelled behind, a fair sweet Complexion; she had a Cardinal on, and look'd most lovely. The Advertiser of this is a Man of Fortune and Honour, therefore begs that when the Lady reads or hears of this Advertisement she would favour him with a Line without Delay. He really is struck with Admiration at the bright Charms which dwell in every Feature of the fair Lady's Face. She may depend on Secrecy and Honesty if required.

BRITISH MUSEUM

London Courtſhip, &c.

The following Advertiſement very lately appeared in a Daily News Paper.

A Maiden Lady, of about 22 Years of Age, is inclinable to alter her Condition; and though ſhe flatters herſelf that ſhe is far from being diſagreeable in Perſon, yet ſhe has never had one tolerable Propoſal made to her on the Score of Matrimony: She therefore takes this publick Method of declaring ſhe is weary of a ſingle Life, and deſirous of an agreeable Companion: Her Fortune is no more than 500l. and conſequently ſhe is not vain enough to expect any Propoſals from a Gentleman of good Fortune: A good honeſt Tradeſman, well ſettled in Buſineſs, is the utmoſt her Ambition ſoars to: He muſt be neither clowniſh nor foppiſh, his Age muſt not exceed thirty, and he muſt be affable and good-natured. Any Gentleman that is willing to be a Candidate for this Lady's Affections, is requeſted to leave a Letter directed for B. L. at the Bell, oppoſite Surgeons-Hall in the Old Baily, mentioning his Buſi-

neſs, Age, and other Particulars: His Name or Place of Reſidence will not be expected till an Interview. Any Letter which the Lady may receive, ſeeming to promiſe Satisfaction, will be duly anſwered, and an Interview granted on Condition that the Gentleman will promiſe Secreſy upon Oath.

The following Letters were actually the Reſult of this Advertiſement.

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LETTER I.

Madam,

APproving greatly of the Circumſtances you mention in the Paper of this Day; I take this means of declaring my Sentiments as far as your publick Addreſs demands; I have the honour of being admitted to the holy Office of the Care of Souls according to the Eſtabliſhment of the Church of England, have at preſent an Income of 200 l. per. Annum, and farther Proſpects of promotion in the Church. I am the Son of a Clergyman, and am connected to ſeveral good Families of Eſtate and Character. I am 27 years of age in perfect Health, *ſound wind and Limb*. A Line or an Interview at Monday's Coffee-Houſe Maiden-Lane, directed for T. P. ſhall be anſwered with greateſt Secrecy.

I am, in great hopes of an Interview Yours as far as a Perſon unknown can be.

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LETTER II.

Madam,

I Had the pleaſure of Reading Your Advertiſement this Morning in One of the Publick papers and tho' not a Man of fortune nor a Tradeſman Yet flaters himſelf that his Profeſion can be no wais diſagreable he therefore Humbly Offers himſelf as a Candidate and if ſo happy as to be aprov'd of ſhould be Glad of an Interview and the Greateſt Seacreſy and Honour may be Depended on the Gentleman is a Chiefmate of an India Man, now at hom, and having Been ſo long at Sea is an Utter Strainger to Intreags; the Lady may be Satisfi'd of finding Neither Clowniſhneſs or fopiſhneſs in an honeſt Britiſh tar who allvais ſpeaks the Truth at hart; from Your admirer.

Philo Taricus

If aprov'd Direct to P. T. at the helmit-Within in Biſhop Gate Street.

LETTER III.

Madam,

IN reading the Dailey this morning I obſerved your deſire to Change your Condition and finding ſomething ingenuous in your advertiſement I take the Liberty to acquaint you that I perfectly anſwer every Particular you require except that of being ſettled in buſineſs: notwithſtanding I am Juſt on the point of

of embarking in the Mercery way (what I have been brought up to) and have a ſerious intention to marry could I obtain that happineſs with an agreeable perſon of about the fortune you mention the conſideration of which induces me to make you this offer and if it meets your approbation I ſhould be glad of an interview when matters ſhall be more fully explained and you may depend on Secreſy; in caſes of this nature it is Difficult to Judge the real motive of ſuch Publication therefore ſhould not Chuſe to be very Particular at this time, if what I have ſaid be agreeable I doubt not you'l favour me with an anſwer where I ſhall wait on you.

Pleaſe to Direct to T. M. at the fountain and Starr in Cheapſide.

I am Your very Humble Servant.

LETTER IV.

Ma'm,

IT ſhould be an indiſpenſable rule in life to contract our deſires to our preſent condition: Which has made me take notice of your Advertizement, and to anſwer it offering myſelf a Candidate to your Affections. I ſhall draw up a ſhort ſummary relating myſelf, and I do aſſure you, that you may confide in what I write; for I ſhall be very ingenuous and not deceive you in in the leaſt. I have been bred up in the Univerſity of Oxford and taken Degrees, and am in poſſeſſion

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of a ſmall living now; but pleaſe God I live two Years longer, I ſhall have another more conſiderable. To be plain, and declare to you my reaſon of concuring with your method of proceeding is this. It has been my fate to have been croſs'd in Love, which brought me to Town to diſſipate my Greif: And hereafter I am ſenſible I ſhall never enter into a tedious courtſhip: But if it be my Lot to be your Huſband you may promiſe yourſelf all the Obedience and tenderneſs, with which gratitude can inſpire an honeſt Man. Whatever gratifications you may promiſe yourſelf from a Sober Perſon, whatever compliances from an even temper, whatever conſolations ariſing from ſincere friendſhip; all theſe you may expect from me without flattery. My Age is four and twenty, as to perſon I ſhall mention nothing of, till if you accept of theſe propoſals you may have an Interview, and be Judge yourſelf, only mentioning the time and place, in a line Directed for A. B. to be left att the Bar of Hatton-Garden Coffee-Houſe. I muſt obſerve of its being within theſe two days, or I leave Town, and wiſh you ſucceſs. I'll give you my Oath if required of the veracity of this, Tho' I hope my profeſſion will excuſe me. This is my real character, be pleas'd then, to conſider what a proportion yours bears with it, and when you have made a juſt Eſtimate act accordingly.

and I am Yours ſincerely A. B.

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LETTER V.

Madam,

SEeing Your Advertiſement in the Papers to day, I am My Dear Girl the Same way inclind, as for My Age, Buſneſs and particulars Shall be Maid Public to You at the firſt interview, if You will give a frindly Meeting on Honorable Terms (Secrety You May dipend On) Any Evening After Nine o'Clock at the fountain tavern on Ludgate Hill, pleaſe to let Me knoo by a Line directed for A. Z. at the Said Tavern and the Evening Apointed, which is Moſt Convenient, will Meet you with Open Arms on Honorable Terms till then.

I am My Dear Girl A. Z.

LETTER VI.

Miſs B. L,

DEſirous to be one (perhaps) of the many that may attempt to merrit your favours, I hereby give you a general ſcetch of my circumſtance; I am ſomewhat below the age you mention'd and I hope endued with all the Virtues; my Education has been pretty liberal, and tho' my fortune was but inconſiderable yet the accquaintance I have procur'd by being ſeveral years in Buſineſs, gives me very good reaſon to beleive my ſelfin a very good way: foppiſhneſs which you ſeem to diſlike, I abhor, as to affabelity good natur'd,

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or being a Clown, an Interview only can ſatisfi you off.

The unequal chance the fair Sex have in chooſing for themſelves, is a ſufficient excuſe for the method you have taken, and therefor nobody that will give themſelves leave to think impartially can diſapprove of it. I decline telling my Buſſineſs, but as it is pretty much in the mercantile way ſafe and ſufficiently lucrative, I fancy that will be no objection to you: If you think proper to admitt me as a Viſiter I ſhall there be ready to give you an impartial anſwer to whatever may be aſk'd, pleaſe to ſignifie your intentions by a Letter Directed to S. Y. at the Portugal Coffee houſe near the Exchange; as Compliments to Inconnita's would be ſuperfluous, I hope you'l excuſe the plainneſs of the Stile and only beleive to be with unfeign'd ſincerity.

A well wiſher to all the Sex, S. Y.

P. S. If you pleaſe to anſwer this in the Daily Advertiſer it will be equally Satisfactory.

As to Secreſy I hereby promiſe and vow, by all the regard I have for my own honour and likewiſe for the general love I bear to your Sex. That I ſhall never divulge this which you ſeem ſo deſirous to keep ſecret, any farther than you think proper to agree to, S. Y.

LETTER VII.

Madam,

I Upon reading your Advertiſement this day Have by your Permiſſion, taken upon me to adreſſe you with theſe few lines, to Sollicite you according to your propoſals, but Madam pardon me for my Preſumption, for Solliciting you in Marriage which am a Lady of Fortune, and I but a poor, but honeſt young Man, but the kindneſs you expreſs for a Tradeſman, gives me encouragement Madam altho I cannot ſay I have mony, I have that Trade and that Genius with me That had I but Mony I could go in Buſſineſs which would turn out to yours and my Advantage, altho I am but mean in circumſtance I am Beloved amongſt my Betters, My Charecter will bear the ſtricteſt enquirey I am Madam a young man very agreable to Diſcourſe with; very Affable in Temper and very Gentle in behaviour and very agreable in Perſon fiting for ſuch a young Lady as you are I am Twenty years of Age, By Occupation a ſilkweaver, altho Madam weavers are ſpoken againſt yet it tis the Men is ſo ſilly as ſpend their Mony as faſt as they can git in Debt with every one but I am not in Debt with none at all Neither am I given to company nor to Drinking but Delight to work honeſtly for my living to go Decent and would alter my Condition to join with an agreable young Woman as you ex-

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preſs to be that as a little Mony I could go to trade and make a Gentleman of my ſelf which would be to your honour, and I ſhould have the tendereſt and moſt Loving regard for you always acknowledging the affection I have for you in ſetling me ſo well in the world as you now can do Madam if you can ſettle your affection on me pray ſend me a Letter.

Directed to C. P. to be Left at one Mr. Stamers in Ram alley in Spicer ſtreet Near Brick Lane Spittlefields.

LETTER VIII.

Madam!

IF you pleaſe to Indulge a Clergyman of Forty with an Interview, pray direct a Line for J. S. at Alderſgate-Coffee-Houſe, in Alderſgate-ſtreet. He has continued Single. Trade may fail, and your Fortune loſt. Beſides a Gentleman of Education may make you Happy, when another cannot.

And if you are not of too Gay a Diſpoſition; and conſequently have Some thoughts of an Hereafter, you may be Conducted with Comfort thro' the preſent Stage.

You know the Profeſſion in it ſelf to be highly Honourable. 'Tis hop'd, you'll well Conſider, before you Engage for Life.

Madam, your moſt Faithful and Obed. &c.

London May the 8th, 1758. J. S.

P. S. I write you in Conſequence of this Day's Advertiſement.

LETTER IX.

Dear Miſs,

AMONGST the many Letters, which I don't doubt you have received in anſwer to your Advertiſement, you have this at leaſt from a Perſon, Who never thought it worth his while hitherto, to write to one on the like Occaſion, having looked on the generality of thoſe he has read of that Nature, to be Pieces of Humour, inſerted by particular People for the Diverſion of One another. But on peruſing yours yeſterday, I thought it was ſo ſincere and ingenuous, that the Writer of it, Whoever the Lady might be, muſt be in the Situation ſhe mentioned, and might have ſufficient Motives, for taking ſuch a Method to alter it.

But leaving at preſent any further Conſideration on that Head, I ſhould be glad of the pleaſure of a correſpondance with you, if no one is happy enough to be fixt on, before you may think this merits an Anſwer.——My Buſineſs is that of a Bookſeller and Stationer; in which I have been ſetled for myſelf between two and three Years, in a creditable Neighbourhood, in one of the principal Streets of this Metropolis. It is ſuch at preſent, as I ought to value and Eſteem, but is capable of great Improvement as ſoon as I am happy enough to meet with an agreeable Partner in a Lady, Who can add a little to my preſent Stock.

Stock.——My Age indeed is the utmoſt of what you mention, being 30 in Auguſt next. ——My Perſon, if I cou'd, I ſhou'd ſay nothing in praiſe of; but as it is, I have Modeſty enough to think it not ſuch, as from the Appearance of it, to occaſion any Conflict in the Breaſt of the Fair Sex; for I am of a leſs ſize than the generality of Man, and don't know that I have any Feature worthy the leaſt Commendation, conſequently don't expect to give a Lady any favorable Impreſſions at firſt Sight. If I have a ſpice of Vanity about me, it proceeds from valuing Myſelf as a Perſon of Integrity and Sincerity. This Character if I have the pleaſure of your Acquaintance, you ſhall find me act up to: For as I came of a Gentlemans Family, and have had the Education of one, I ſhall always make it my ſtudy to act agreeable to that Character. I ſhall therefore not have the leaſt Objection to any Terms of Secrecy you may require; relying on the ſame on your ſide, having the Eye of the World ſomewhat fixt upon Me. ——When therefore you have determined with reſpect to my Rivals Who have been before Hand with Me, and happen not to engage, I ſhall be glad of a Line from you directed for M. A. to be left at the Lodge in New Inn till called for, and of an Interview when agreeable and am in the mean time.

Dear Miſs, Your moſt obedient humb.
Wedneſday Morning, Serv. unknown.

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LETTER X.

Dear Miſs, May 9, 1759.

I Obſerv'd an Advertiſement in the Daily Advertiſer which ſeems to come from an *Honeſt Hand* One who prefer'd Happineſs to Grandeur or wealth, yet prudently requir'd a perſon capable of Supporting a family with Decency &c.——Tis on Suppoſing this to be the Sentiments of B. L. I write.

I am a Perſon of a Chearful Good-natur'd diſpoſition, of Honeſt Principals; yet Sober and diſcreet, I am about 25 years of Age, poſeeſt with the Addreſs and neceſſary Qualifications of a Gentleman yet no FOP.——I am no Tradeſman but of a Genteel Profeſſion by which I get to the Amount of 200l. per Annum more or leſs (20l. of which per Annum is Settled Certain.) And when Mari'd is likely to Increaſe as my being Single is Sometimes Objected to, altho' my Charactor will bear the Strickteſt Enquirey which I am ſorry to ſay many of the Profeſſion will not; which is that of a Muſician or Organiſt.——So that when the Number of Loſſes and Bankrupts Tradeſmen in General are Subject to with Dead Stock of Goods in hand, is Conſidered, I have Reaſon to believe you will give me the preference, and which I can better Explain if favour'd with An Interview.

Happineſs is my Aim and the Indies Wealth will not Induce me to Wed, If I do not Approve

prove the Diſpoſition of the Perſon and of whom ſhall Require as is printed in the Advertiſement, SECRECY ON OATH.

I have about 100l. of Furniture already, and After furniſhing a Houſe &c. wou'd put the Reſt out for the beſt Advantage in the Stocks, and if I like ſhould not be againſt making a Small Settlement on B. L.

In ſhort twou'd be my chief Study to do the beſt for a wife and family and to Promote Harmony and happineſs in all Reſpects, as I am a Lover of Muſick which is a True Sign of a Good Diſpoſition and Affection.

I am an Enemy to Deceit or Flattery ſo Expect not to be trifled with and depend on the utmoſt honour and Secrecy,

from yours &c. &c.

T. Telltruth.

Pleaſe to direct for A. Z. to be left at the King's Head Tavern Mr. Monday's in the Poultry near the Manſion Houſe. Will meet any day but Sunday's Wedneſday's or Saturday's.

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LETTER XI.

To B. L,

THE Writer hereof being a Young man about 24 years old. Who altho' he has no fortune at all yett is Verſal in Buiſneſs. Is good natured altho' not quite ſo Genteel as is Requir'd in the Preſent age. He Offers his Service on the Merits of the advertiſement in

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the daily advertiſer of this day. If the Lady is Inclined to an Interview with the writer hereof. She is deſired to Signify her Intentions by a Line Directed to C. D. at Biſhopſgate Coffee houſe within Biſhopſgate. Appointing a Time and place and ſhe ſhall be waited on by her humble Servant.

P. S. Secrecy is Expected and may alſo (in Return) be depended on the writer is a healthy perſon which is Material in Matrimony.

LETTER XII.

May the 8th, 1759.

Honour'd Lady,

A Young man of 26 has now been in buſneſs three years and has a very good ſtock of goods and a very good trad Lives in a very good market town wants an agreable partner to Enter into the iſtate of materomoney——he is of good parents Jenteal good yourmed Comes up twiſe a year to London and brimingham to by goods he would be Glad to Enter into the iſtate of materomoney with any agreable parſon if not very Handſom The Lady who advertiſes to day if ſhe thinks the pirſon will Swit is diſir'd to Derect a Line to W. B. at Mr. Appelyard's at the ſtars in Carey Lincoln-Jnn London.

The pirſon will ſe hir in nothing but his dres that he rides in and dſires an anſwr to morrow morning Early.

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LETTER XIII.

Ora My Dear Maddam Now,

BUT I seen your advertisement this Very Day and I am Charm'd with your pretty Method of geting a Sweet hart, it was my good fate that you thought of this means to bring me acquainted with you Own D' Self——then my Dear Honey but I am in Love with you already and I would have you think of Somthing better then a tradesman for I am a gentlem as is well Known in the Kingdom of Ireland, and god Rest his Soul my father has Left me 0011. a year and when my Uncle is dead I will keep you a Coach If you will have me now I will tell you that although I was greatly Belyed and that's all About the Streets of London, I Did Neither Murder or kill Kitty Fisher, for She is not dead, and what I doon was in Pure Afection as I have a great Veneration for the Lady's in general, but now my Dear honey I will think of no boddy but your Self, and if I have the good Luck to get you, I will Keep you like a gentlewoman as Long as my Love and Money Last's and then you will Keep me and am your's till I am dead.

Theady Mulhane.

N. B. Direct for P. in C. to be Left at the Fountin on Ludgate hill.

LETTER XIV.

Fair Lady,

READing the Paper I ſaw your Advertiſement which is the Motive of my Writing. I am under Thirty belong to a Publick Office and have above Eighty Pounds a year ſallary and in time may amount to two Hundred or upwards, am noways Clouniſh or Foppiſh but very neat in Dreſs and of a very good Family. And well Eſteemed for my Temper and good Behaviour, am not Covetious of a great Deal of Money ſo I am happy in the Lady. If you ſhould think proper to make me ſo happy to hear from you by a Line pleaſe to Direct for A. B. at the Bank Coffee-Houſe near the Bank of England. Where and when I might have the Pleaſure of ſeeing you with a friend of yours and mine or by ourſelves, and you may depend on the Strickteſt Honour.

From yours to Command.

A. B.

May the 9th, 1759.

LETTER XV.

Madam,

IN Reading the daily advertiſer, I hapily found your advertiſement for agreable Companion, which I flater my Self That I Should make one,——But Being only a Journaman And full of Biſnes, I have not a

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Proper opertunaty To Light of a Greable Lady, I am a W. Draper By Biſneſs, and has Requered 200l. By my Induſterry I am 33 years ould, But I hope for agreable Companion Your Good Natuer will Excuſe 3 years.

As for Clowniſh or foppiſh: I hope I am not Guelit of, I hope the Lady will find Good Nature, and all other Good Quallyfication that is agreable To Make her happy, as to Secoracey and honer, I will Be upon oath.

From yours unown But hope to be well nown and huml.

J. M.

P. S. Ples to Derect to Mr. Smith's at the Bell in Bell-yard Graceſe Church-Stret with an apointment to meet, if on Sunday Next will be Moſt agreable.

May the 9th, 1759.

LETTER XVI.

Madam,

THE Daily advertiſer is now before me, and you may Imagine the advertiſement you caus'd to be put in particularly engages my Attention, I flatter myſelf Madam that my Perſon and Circumſtances when you come to know them will be a better anſwer than the Receipt of this Letter, however that ſome particulars may be anſwer'd which you requeſt, I muſt Inform you I Live in the City, by Trade a Grocer, have been in Buſineſs ſomething more than twelve Months, and

have the pleaſure to relate, it anſwers equal to my moſt Sanguine hopes, My Age is Juſt turn'd of three and twenty, my Stature is what is generally call'd a Meddling Size, I muſt confeſs I never had an Oppertunity to cultivate an Acquaintance with the fair Sex. And here ſolemnly proteſt I have no preengagement on my hands, which makes me the more readily embrace this. And doubt not Madam if you confer your favours on me it ſhall be the ſole buſineſs of my Life to endeavour to deſerve them: If you think this worthy your Attention by ſending a Line directed for A. T. at Grigſby's Coffee-houſe behind the Royal-Exchange, in it to appoint an Interview whereever you pleaſe you may depend on my Obedience thereto and the Inviolable Secreſy, From

11 o'Clock Wedneſday Morning the 9th of May 1759

Madam Your Moſt obedient Humble Servant &c.

LETTER XVII.

Madam,

I This day ſaw an Advertiſement in the Paper, Which if you and I Can Like one another Would be very Agreable to me.——— I ſhall not ſay a great deal till I have Seen you, As to My Perſon I believe we ſhall not Diſagree, As to my fortune I have none tho' Ought to have had a hundered pounds per annum

num had I had my write.——Tho' I have now thirty five pounds per Year Settel'd Sallery Under his Majeſty I never was Marryed as to my Age When we See one another that will be Satisfaction I ſhall be glad to have a Line from you Where I may ſee you and will Freely Take an Oath of Secrecy.

I am Madam Yours &c. P. G.

May the 8th, 1758.

P. S. I ſaw two Letters Derected to B. L. at the Place you appointed this Day——Tho' dont doubt was I to be in your Company We ſhould a gree.

Direct thus for P. G. at the Sign of the Angel on London Bridge I ſhould be Glad to hear from you on Friday or Saturday next.

LETTER XVIII.

London May the 8th, 1759.

Miſs,

I Have this moment read the Advertiſement Concerning your deſire to change your Single State, into that of a Matrimonial one, I have never Advertis'd for my Self nor given any attention upon Many that have been publiſh'd before, as I believe amongſt the number they are Moſtly contriv'd upon a meer diverſion by the Author of them on purpoſe to ridicule or diſappoint the Enquirers. But yours (If I miſtake not) I look upon with a different view, to be upright and void of any vain flattery whatſoever; upon ſuch a foundation

tion I offer my ſelf to you as one of the Candidates.

As to my Employment or profeſſion I ſhall give you a Sufficient Satisfaction for the preſent, and inform you that. I am Bookkeeper to a Reputable Merchant in this City, My Age is Somewhat above 32 years and never was Married, My Salary or yearly income affords me a genteel Maintainance adding to it Some Small Matter I have of my own, I now and then enjoy My good friends with Chearfullneſs without any exceſs.

As to further particulars about my Circumſtances I muſt beg leave to Suſpend them untill we have an Interview (which as the advertiſement expreſſes it will be granted) the place I have fixed upon to have a Converſation with you is at *Anderton's Coffee-Houſe in Fleet-Street* to morrow at 4 o'Clock in the afternoon, but in caſe you ſhould have any objection to meet me at the ſaid place, pleaſe to ſend a Line at the Bar where and at what hour I can meet you to morrow after the ſaid hour, and if I do not find any Letter from you, I ſhall conclude to ſee you at the above place at the ſame hour where I ſhall ſtay till 5 o'Clock, I hope that you are ſincere and that you will not diſappoint me as I am very punctuall to my Word I hope you will be the ſame. I am tho' unknown, Your moſt Sincere and Humble Servant.

C. M.

Pleaſe

Pleaſe to direct your Letter To Mr. C. M. at Anderton's Coffee-Houſe in Fleet-Street.

Preſent.

LETTER XIX.

Madam unknown,

AFter Reading your Genrouſe advertiſement in tueſday's Paper it apearing to me all to gather verey a gerable I that Propoſeſs to be your Canddate is to Buſneſs a Linnen Draper well ſetlid free from all Incumbranceſs aged 28 years and I ame Vaine Enough to think in Caſe you Honour me with an Interview that you'll have no Diſlick Either to my Parſon or Character &c.

I Dont Chouſe to Montion any Particulars farder at Preſent If you are not in Reale Earneſt I begge you'll Gave your ſelf nor me unneſſrey truble leaſt If you Incline to be Seatesfayed in Regard to this Letter may Depend one a Man of Honnour to treate with Secreſy will be obſerv'd upon oath If Requirred you may think my Motife is Money but I a Shouer you its not ſo which I hope to be able to Convince you of when face to face Pleaſe to Derect for W. M. to be Left at the Thiſel and Crown Kingſland Road till Callid for Montioning the Place and the Exeact time of meting which will Command yours &c.

London May the 9th, 1759.

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LETTER XX.

Dear Madam,

ON Reading the daily paper This morning a Greater thing never ofer'd to my veiue For Tho' I Say it Bleſs'd be God I am a Compleate Begger and to raiſe my Fortune now is the time and if I have the Good fortune to Gett in your Quarters I will my dear madam Spend as free as any man in london.

I am non of your over and above poliſh'd Men but dear madam take it in a plain way I am by trade a Driver and want Bever mine being Quite Exauſted you may take what I mean.

Dear madam their is many Gentleman That Can write better but wats Deficiant in writing I make up in driving thats The Identicall toucher the 500l. Dear madam your very Thoughts makes me Spend——all my money.

P. S.

LETTER XXI.

May the 8th, 1759. 10 o'Clock

Madam,

I Saw your Advertizment in this Days Paper I hope I am the Real Perſon you Could Deſire Without any Diſſeet or Impoſition whatever I am a perſon in good Trade in the Pleſents Parts of the Strand whoſ Proffits two Hundred Pounds a Year without any Riſk of Loſſes

Losses and I Flatters my Self that I am Indued with so much Good nature and Tenderness for the Fair Sex that would Render Booth Parties Happy in Person Middle Sized the 29th of this Month 28 Years of Age and of good Fammely if I should be so Happy as to Have a Line Appointing a Place and time of Inter View Shall be waited on Emediatly with Great Honnower Secrecy Upon Oath by Directing a Line for J. R. to Be left at Mr. William Stephenson's Opesit Exeter-Street St. Ann's Sir How Booth Relations but know nothing of my Wrighting.

LETTER XXII.

Madam,

A Gentleman of Some fortune and By profession A Chymist and Apothecarry handsomely Settled in Business in A very Agreable Situation, flatters him self he Could Make things Agreable to the Young Lady Who advertizes this day for a Companion, He does not exceed Thirty and is of A Humane and good Natured disposition and as he Means no Imposition or Deceit on his Side expects there will Be None on the Other, as the Lady Must Be Rather Agreable than otherwise and have A Genteel person and good Education with her Morrals Untainted, as in all probabillity if she engages with him it will Be her lot to See Good Company, if she or her friends thinks fit to answer this letter they

May direct for A. B. at the New exchange Coffee-houſe In the ſtrand any Day this week and appoint an Interview and ſhall Be waited on Punctually and with the Utmoſt Secreſy, But its Requeſted that if this Advertizment is not Meant Seriouſly that no Notice May be taken of this Reply, But if it is, and ſhe anſwers the Gentleman's expectations who is not hard to Be pleas'd, She will Meet with a perſon who will endeavour to make her as Happy as ſhe Could wiſh.

A. B.

LETTER XXIII.

Madam,

ON reading the Advertiſements of to day I ſaw that which I have the greateſt reaſon to believe would be a great Means of removing, the greateſt Afflictions poor Mortal Can ſuffer, for by the Cruelty of Relations have been denied to Marry one who I once thought the only one could make me Happy and unleſs I am ſo fortunate as to meet with ſome agreeable Prudent Companion ſoon who would Endeavour to make life happy am determined to leave Town very ſpeedily My Profeſſion is far from being ungenteel and Produces a very Genteel Income which Managed with Oeconomy would ſufficiently provide (for thoſe Exempt from the follys of the Age) a Comfortable and Creditable livlihood and which is Certain for my life. My Age

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is about 22 and my Perſon is not diſagreeable (but that particularly I ſhall not deſcribe) and my Temper I believe is not the leaſt of my Merits but a line directed to P. Q. to be left at the Cherry-Tree Cloth Fair Weſt Smithfield appointing an Interview any Evening next Week (no ſooner than half paſt ſeven) will be Punctually Obſerved with ſecreſy and if ſo happy as to ſucceed will make uſe of every means to make you happy.

P. S. write as directed during the Courſe of this week where I'll Call to ſee if any anſwer is ſent.

LETTER XXIV.

Dear Lady,

AS Celibacy is ſo much Profeſs'd with that Sex whoſe Place it is to prompt and endeavour to ſupport the moſt Laudable Engagements which our parents by example as ſhewd us By the Mutual Pledges of each others Love ——So often ſeen butt nevet felt butt by thoſe whoſe happy Lots it is to meet in the ſweet embraces of honourable Love We muſt rather Impute it to the Dullneſs of their Minds the many aſperſions ſo frequently us'd by the inſenſibility and Stupidneſs of Cuſtoms the Giddy fopperies and miſtaken ſmartneſs of Young fellows which a Looſe Courſe of Life often addicts them to—than any real Objection this can poſſibly have to the more Settled happineſs which infallibly is a friend in the due

Direction of their Life——Bleſt with all the Charms the fair can Boaſt and Adhereing Strickly to the rules of Virtue No Cenſures can poſſibly ariſe againſt the fair for informing them of their Indifference it Being ſtrong ſatire——for their Neglect of Gods Ordnance ——Butt rather Enconiums of Praiſe.

What a Pity a Young Lady of Twenty two Inclinable to obey God and Bleſs Mankind ſhould thus openly be oblig'd to inform Dunces of the Good ſhe purpoſes the world In condeſcending to admitt of Sollicitations for her Perſon and ſure when ſuch the Prize many will endeavour the Conqueſt and among the reſt.

I——A. B. do offer my ſelf as a Candidate for the inſpection and Likewiſe the favour vote and Intereſt of B. L.

He thinking himſelf a proper perſon for ſo great an office having all the Qualifications of 25 Years 5 feet 8 Inches high eaſy in addreſs tolerable in Viſage rather Serious than Comic not Porter Shoulderd Butt Quite Genteel in Shape has juſt as much good Nature has he is poſſes'd of Being a Citizen of London and having done few good offices Settl'd Well and Abundance of Buſineſs which increaſeth Daily wanting juſt 500l. to enlarge it more which with a Partner right Fair he would ſweep his way and Be the Envy of Batchelors and Glory of Married Men——If he his ſo happy as to ſucceed in his Election it would

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Be the Buſineſs of his Life to ſtudy Proper Acknowledgements and endeavour to Convince the World that.

I am Madam

and hope for ever

Your Moſt Humble Servant,

A. B.

N. B. If I am ſo happy as to be favour'd with an Anſwer——Direct for A. B. North's Coffee-houſe king-ſtreet Cheapſide.

LETTER XXV.

London May the 9th, 1759.

Madam,

BElieve me it was with the greateſt pleaſure I Peruſed an Advertiſement in yeſterdays Paper relating to your Self, In which is diſcovered, What I could moſt earneſtly covit, And deſire in a Partner for life, that is, a true undiſguis'd heart, realy your frankneſs wins me. In regard to the Qualifications you deſire in the Man, who will Be ſo happy as to Be entitl'd to your favours, I flatter my Self not to be dificient in them, But hope for the happineſs of an interview at any Place you ſhall apoint, and will be enjoin'd upon any terms to Obſerve the Strickteſt Secreſy, to mention every Particular in a letter is to know Purpoſe, 'tis much Better for Booth Parties when together to adjuſt thoſe matters, Let this Suffiſe, that my Age is 25, my ſtatue neither tall of the medleing Size, My Perſon I hope

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will Pleaſe, Being handſome enough for a man, and neither a fop nor a clown, the Buiſſneſs which I am maſter of I have Been for my Self theſe Six years, Being a aprentice in the ſame Shop to my uncle and at his death Became Maſter. I have had a Siſter to keep my houſe Ever ſince, which was the reaſon I did not marry, for I Believe and am afraid two few that is Married lived ſo happy as we, But now ſhe is Married and as juſt left me So that I am fully reſolved and realy muſt have a Wife And the firſt that I think I can live happy with I am derdermin'd to have.

I hope Madam if happyneſs is your view I ſhall be favour'd with a line Apointing an interview Directed to J. L. at Hickes-Hall Coffey-houſe Smith field Barr's.

P. S. I was out of town yeſterday therefore did not ſee the Paper Before this Morning.

LETTER XXVI.

Madam,

I Have ſeen your Advertiſement in the Papers; and as I have been long looking out for a Lady of that Caracter and Fortune you repreſent yourſelf to be I ſhould Eſteem my ſelf very happy if my Perſon, Age and Circumſtances prove agreable Enough to induce You to make me your Partner for Life: I am engaged in the Trade of a Woollen Draper and (I thank God) my buſineſs with due Attendance has anſwer'd ſo well that in the Six

Years

Years I have been in Trade I have put 450 l. in my Pocket Clear of my Yearly Expences, ——I hope I ſhall not have the Diſappointment to find that your Intention was to Deceive thoſe that are ſerioufly inclined which will give infinite Pleaſure to.

Madam,

Your moſt obedient Humble Servant.

J S.

P. S. Pleaſe to favour me with an Anſwer Directed to A. B. at Richards Coffee-Houſe Temple-Bar.

LETTER XXVII.

Madam,

SEeing an Advertiſement of Yours in the Daily paper to Day, and being in Want of an agreeable Companion Which I Apprehend You Will Make, I Here take the freedom of Anſwering it. I Am By Trade a Seedſman and in a Very Good Old Eſtabliſh'd Shop and Want Nothing But An Agreeable Companion that Can put Something into Stock With me, No Deceit Am I, But Mean Honourable Which You Shall find When we Come Nearer If Agreeable pleaſe to Direct to be Left at the Globe Coffee-Houſe on fiſh-Street-Hill.

I Am Your Moſt

Obedient Servant

W. J.

Tueſday Morning May the 8th, 1759.

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LETTER XXVIII.

Tueſday May the 8th, 1759.

Madam,

I Having ſeen your Advertiſement this Day, and being vain Enough to think, I anſwer all you Deſcribe, makes me bold enough to enter my ſelf a Candidate for your affections, not doubting, but I ſhall have Opponents enough to Conteſt with me, but if theſe Lines, Promiſe any Satisfaction, and I ſhould be ſo happy as to gain an Interview, I Do not doubt but I ſhall be able to Satisfy you in every Particular which you ſhall require, to make the Marridge State Agreeable, but as it is a folly in any Perſon to Praiſe their own Merrits, I ſhall Leave mine to the Judgement of thoſe whom you ſhall pleaſe to appoint, to enquire into my Charecter, and Circumſtances, which if to your Likeing, and I ſhould be the Perſon by you Elected, I think it my duty, to let you Know that no one ſhall ever give you leſs Cauſe to repent, as it ſhall always be my ſtuddy, and endeavour, to make my ſelf worthy of the favour Conferd on.

Madam Your Humble Servant

W. M.

Note, I have been ſettled in Trade near three Years, with good Succeſs, am between Twenty four, and five years of Age, have a Father Liveing, in Buſſineſs, on whom I have

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no ſmall Dependance, being the only one he has, and as to particulars, if you pleaſe to appoint any Time, and Place, where I Can have an Interview, I am willing to Satisfy you in any thing which you ſhall require, being willing firſt to engage upon Oath for Secreſy.

Pleaſe to Direct for W. M. to be Left at Mrs Rothbowins next Door to the Lamb and fountain Oxford Road.

LETTER XXIX.

Tueſday May the 8th, 1759.

Dear Madam,

IN Reading your Advertiſement this morning I was that moment Seiz'd with an uncommon zeal for a Materimonial Life and as at the ſame time having the Vanity to think my ſelf no ways Diſagreeable in Perſon being about five foot 7 Inches high Straight made well Limb'd and not a Diſagreeable face but above all very agreeable in Temper and Converſation as you may be Satisfied in by inquireing amongſt my Acquaintance of which Perticulers you ſhall be inform'd upon an Interview I am by Trade a Gatekeeper and am very well Setiuated ſo as to bring in above 50 per Cent for money Laid out in Trade but my Capital being but ſmall having Lately built a New Houſe which Coſt me more then I Expected and is Now Juſt finiſhed ſo that your fortune will again ſet me before the world but above all if you be of an agreeable Tem-

per will give me the Greateſt Satisfaction that the world can afford being now well aſſur'd that a Marry'd Life muſt be Crowning of all my Pleaſures.

I am in the mean while your
moſt Obedient Humble Servant.
W. T.

N. B. I ſhall put a ſtop to the furniſhing my houſe until I have had an Interview of you which I hope you will Grant by a Letter Directed To W. T. to be Left at the Barr of the Swan Inn Holbourn-Bridge mentioning the Time and Place and in ſo Doing you will very much oblidge Yours &c.

LETTER XXX.

May the 10th, 1759.

To the fair incognita,

ON peruſing the publick papers I ſaw an Advertiſement of a Lady's being inclinable to Alter her Condition that is I preſume to Enter into the State of Matrimony; Whether the Advertiſement was Calculated to Anſwer a Real intent or Sett forth by a Sett of Wits at Georges; or ſome other ſuch ſort of Gentlemen; I Cannot pretend to Determine, but bee it as it Will, I think proper to Anſwer it, as I flatter my ſelf, if a Real intent, that I may in ſome ſhape Anſwer the particulars therein Deſcribed, that is the Writer of this is A tradeſman and Counted a Genteel one; An Upholder turn'd ſome what of thirty

ty-one, Settled in buiſſneſs a Houſekeper in a Genteel part of the town, As to his intelects; Neither a Clown, a ſool; a ſop nor a Witt; but one Capable of Giving an Anſwer When Aſked a Queſtion; Noe frenchman but what has been and I hope there many ſuch an Engliſhman true to his King and Country; if this ſhould bee thought worthy of Notice, an Anſwer will bee Duly Honour'd and Utmoſt Secreſy Obſerved by the fair Incognitas.

Humble Servant.

F. H.

P. S. An Anſwer will Come to hand Directed as Sighned to bee Left at Mr. Wilkinſon's the Genrall Poſt-Office in Berkley-Square Untill Called for.

LETTER XXXI.

May 9, 1759.

Madam,

I Have with pleaſure read your advertiſement and I thought ſuch perſon as you would Souite a man like me that is in a way of a good beſſiniſe and that he wants a good Companion Plaſent of a good nature which is one good quality for my part I ham ſo and cannot be otherwiſe my Pleaſure as been of Late in my trade and now-and-dan a Little in muſike I ham force to kille time in Company for want of a Companion at home wicth is fare more agriable I will in ſome maſure Let you no wath I ham I ham a young man not turty

years of age of a good family and will bear the beſt Inquiery I am well ſettle in the world and as I Work upon Copper my hands are Black never the Leſe they take near one hundred pound a year with that five pound a year Left me, ſo with ſom ſmall addition we ſhould be very hapy——if your perſon wont bear a inquiry I Pray drop it but if it ſhould ham Ridy to give a anſwer I ſhall expect a Letter before Sunday nex and affeter I ſhall a point a place to meet.

You are diſſired to have a out ſide Letter and both Seelled the out ſide direction is viz. to Mr. Robinſon at the Sing of the Leg in Long-Acre and the in ſide Letter to J. O. and as above—Streke honour and Segreſy I deſire.

LETTER XXXII.

May the 10th, 1759.

Madam,

I Was a looking over the paper and ſaw an advertiſement wherein a Young Lady is willing to alter hur ſingle Condiſtion and I being of the ſame oppinion and I believe I can anſwer moſt of the Young Lady's Expectaſions and I ſhould be very glad to be admited in hur Companey for I am ſenſear and will be ſworn to ſecreſey I am A Clock and Watch-Maker by trade and 25 years of age and I beg the favour that you would pleaſe to ſend me a penny poſt Letter and I will very Gladly waight

waight on you where you pleaſe this from your Humble Servant to Command.

T. S.

P. S. Pleſe to direct for me to be left at Mr. Norton's at the Spring-Clock in St. John's-Street near Porters-Block.

LETTER XXXIII.

Borough, May the 8th, 1759.

Madam,

ON peruſing to days advertiſer, I meet with your advertiſement, wherein I find, you have an inclination to marry, if could meet, with a perſon, ſuitable to your deſcriptſion, which having durely exammined, with my own perſon, I flatter myſelf, I come near to your wiſhes, in every reſpect, being at preſent ſettled, in a good Buſſineſs, which upon an Interview; and Further diſcloſe of my mind, and ſentiments, I think you can have no Objection too, being between 24 and 25 Years of age and neither Foppiſh, nor Clowniſh, and I hope I may be thought upon an interview, to be in Circumſtances, Sufficient to make you happy; my Buſſineſs is in the Bookbinding way, but as to the place of my abode, muſt deſire your Excuſe of knowing till we have had, an interview, which upon your Directing, your Letter if agreeable, to J. L. to be left at the King's head in

3 King-Court London-Street, you may depend on being waited on by.

Your Moſt humble Sarvant,

J. L.

LETTER XXXIV.

Fair Lady,

CAſting my Eyes over the Daily Advertiſer of Yeſterday ſaw ſomething there as I thought very Agreeable,

I think that I can anſwer that in all reſpects as to Age being in trade and every other thing elſe

If you think it worth your trouble by a line directed as under and left at Bakers Coffee Houſe in Exchange Alley will ſoon further inform you to your Satisfaction and lay and great Obligation on

Wedneſday — Yours unknown

9th May 1759 — W M P

LETTER XXXV.

Madam,

THE reading your Advertiſement in laſt Tueſdays paper gave me a ſecret pleaſure, as I verry near anſwer the Caracter you deſcribe I am a young man well Eſtabliſhed in a profitable Buſineſs and ſhould be very glad to enter into the Married State, with an agreeable perſon and, you Madam, ſeem to have ſo much Candour and Sincerity in the manner of your Advertiſement that I could

could not help being ſtrongly affected with it and with verry earneſtly for an interview, as I flatter my ſelf. I can give you the greateſt Satisfaction in regard to my perſon and Fortune &c &c I hope you do not mean this as a joke for I aſſure you I am realy Sincere, and wait verry Impatient for an anſwer which pleaſe to direct for A B to be left at the Angel near Maiden lane in Wood Street Cheapſide appointing an interview, and the Stricteſt honour and Secrecey may be depended on, as pr Oath if required

Thurſday May 10 1759 Yours &c &c

LETTER XXXVI.

Smithfield May the 9th, 1759.

Madam,

YEſterday Peruſing Over the News Paper happened to Read the Real offer I wanted for ſome Time I being a Single Young Man Now Comeing in my Twenty Eighth Year of Age and as not yet had the Happineſs of Lighting of any Thing before to my Likeing which I Now flatter my ſelf in my Own Noin Opinion According to your Agreeable Advertiſement that if Pleaſe God it ſhould be ſo Luckey for you and I once to Come togethey whe ſhall be one of the moſt Agreeableſt Couple in England tho' I think you are Worthier of one in a Better Station then I am for by Trade I am a Butcher tho' if not Agreeable I hope You will be ſo Kind as to ſend me

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a Anſwer as ſoon as Poſſible or Leaſt ways I am ſure if you and I was Once to have the Happineſs of meeting together I am ſure all things would be Agreeable.

Yours to Command.

W. H.

Direct for W. H. at the Bull's-head Weſt Smithfield.

LETTER XXXVII.

Miſs,

LOoking in the Daily Paper I obſerv'd an advertiſement of your wanting a young man for to Settle Your Afections On Now if I ſhould be ſo happy as to be the parſon I Flatter my ſelf you'l find in me what you'd Expect to have bouth Affable and good Natur'd; I am a Young Man turn'd of twenty Two; by Trade a Barker and Free of the City And now have a proſpect of puting my ſelf in a way of Buſſines: If I can light of an agreeable Partner my Carricter will bair the ſtrickeſt Enquirey both for Sobriety and honeſty So Miſs If you'l favour me with an Interview plieſe to apoint a place and you'l find me at your Command Secreſy may be depened on.

So From Your's to Command.

W. C.

May the 9th, 1759.

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LETTER XXXVIII.

Madam,

HAving By Accident ſeen your generous Advertiſement wants nothing more favourable to Compleat his Happineſs than your fine Perſon (And Madam) I am a young Man of one of the fineſt arts in the world and moſt Advantagous, my Perſon is almoſt without a fault, and my Character not leſs ſo,- aged 24 this Preſent Month, a North Britain, of a good Family, and lived in London Six years and has been at Bath Cambridge and Oxford ſometime for Manners and Learning.

Madam I am your Moſt
Tender Admirer
Unknown.

P. S. any Letter Derected or meſſages ſent to D. R. at the David and Harp in white Fryars near the Temple, ſhall be Emediately anſwer'd and the ſtrikteſt Honour and Secrecy may be Depended upon on my Part.
May the 9th, 1759.

LETTER XXXIX.

Madam,

THE Modeſty and Good ſence of Your Advertiſement Convinces me that you are (tho' entirely unknown to me) a Lady of that Excellent Temper that you would willingly deſire a Counterpart of, but am ſorry to ſay you will find it a difficult matter to meet

with one Entirely ſo in ſuch a degenerate Age as this is, Tho' no doubt there are ſome who have a Right to Claim in ſome Meaſure to that Excellency of Temper which you (if I'm not greatly miſtaken) are Miſtreſs of but they are Generally in Obſcurity by means of the Worſer part of Mankind. I hope you will not think it Vanity in me if I venture to Recommend myſelf to your good Graces by the Encouragement of Reſembling the Character which you Expreſs both in Perſon and Temper and Age not Exceeding 21. An Interview will perhaps Convince you of the Truth. If you will Expreſs your Commands and thoughts of this by a Letter or by an Advertiſement it ſhall be punctually Obeyed and am willing to ſwear to ſecrecy.

If by a Letter directed for X. Y. Z. at Robin's Coffee-houſe in Shire-Lane near Temple-Bar.

LETTER XL.

Honoured Miſs,

A Shoemaker in a good way of Buſineſs who hath alſo an Income of upwards of fifty Pounds per Annum, and a very good dependance, turned of thirty years of age, moſt humbly Intreats the favour of a Line Directed to R. D. at Mrs. Cray's Bookſeller in Lemmon-Street Goodman's-fields, and who douts not but at an Interview of giveing that Account

Account of himſelf as on Enquirery may be agreable to you.

From Madam your's Unknown.

R. D.

London May the 9th, 1759.

P. S. you may depend on every thing being Complyed with as Incerted in the Advertiſement.

LETTER XLI.

London May the 9th, 1759.

Miſs,

IN Reading the Daily Paper it Gave me a Great Deale of Pleaſure in Seeing So Candid a thing Put forth and So fair a Propoſal to Hear You Put your Self On a footing With Any Tradeſman in London Which I hope With the Bleſing of God I Hope to Ad to my fortune and Yours As I All Ways Bore the Character of an Induſtirous Tradeſman All my Life time if I Should Be So hapey As to Be Admited to the Speech of You the Particulars Shall Be made Known I am Real On Oath the Peirſon that I Sett my Self As a Bove I am in Secreſy On Oath.

Your Moſt Obeident to Command.

J. R.

Direct a Letter to J. R. to the George in Bridge-Yard Southwork.

May the 9th, 1759.

LETTER XLII.

Madam,

IN Peruſing the Paper Laſt Thurſday and finding you ſo a Greable Perſon haveing a mind to Alter your Condition, with a Good trademan and not above Thirty, I am not Proud, nor flighty but a good Trademan Belonging to his Majeſty's Dock-Yard in Chattam by Profeſſion a Joyner. If a Greable to you pleaſe to Direct for T. W. at the Widow Skaines Opoſite The Golden-Lion in Brompton near Chattam in Kent,

P. S. My Age is 30 Years to Come the ninth Day of June next.

LETTER XLIII.

Madam,

I Think your Caſe Very much Like mine and think we may be of Surviſs to Each other witch is the Reſon I'll take this metherd to inform you how Warey I'm of Living Single and leying a lone.——I'm By Trade a Tallow Chandler, and Have Bin in Buſneſs Upwards of 2 years. My Eage is Twenty five and 2 Munthes. My Buſneſs is ſhuch that it Takes up my Time and my Self not incleanable to gow Throw the greateſt furteages of a Reaguelar Courtſhip, is the Reaſon of my imbraceing This opportunity I'm Vanety To Think that I have been Brought up in That maner as to Have nothing of The Clowne

Clowne not Vanety To be a fop.——If This ſhould be agreable to you The greateſt Secrecey may be Depended on. But I a Stranger to the Righting theſe Things therefore hope you will Excuſe the Brufneſs of it and Except of me as a Candate for you Beleveing that a Woman Verey Happey if This Should be agreable to you be pleaſe to Derect to A. B. to be left at Mr. Dutton's at the Sign of the Suger-love's in Lickerpond-Street, Near the King's-Roade and punctual obſerves honeſty and Honour may be Depended on by your.

Humble Candate,

A. B.

Wedneſday Morning May the 9th, 1759.

LETTER XLIV.

For me Unknowon Lady!

IN anſwer upon Your letter mentioned in the Daily Advertiſer of May the 8th that a Singleman of the defired Capafity's and Sircumſtance being a foreigner but a Secretaire to a Well knowing Lord, and 25 Years of Age, Should be glad to have more information of Your Sircumſtance upon condition mentioned in Your paragraphe in expecting on an anſwer Directed for L. B. at the Mew's Coffee-houſe in Ducke's-Court St. Martin's-Lane.

I am With reſpect,

Patriu's et Felius

May the 9th, 1759.

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LETTER XLV.

May the 9th, 1759.

Madam,

IN Anſwer to your Advertiſement I give you a ſhort diſcription of, (FIRST) my Perſon, viz. I'm a well ſiz'd Man, well put together, thick in proportion, that is well ſet, Strong Nervous and Muſcular, ſomewhat ont of Proportion but not diſpleaſing to a Young Lady whom I Suppoſe will have no exceptious to that PART. As for my Circumſtances they are Sufficient I want a Young One to do the Buſineſs of the Night, Having Sufficient to Imploy in the Day, I'm good Humurred when Pleaſed Can be I'll natured when there's Occaſion for it, So promiſe no more than I intend to keep; Now if you like this bluntneſs WYE SO, If not wee're AS WE WEE'RE, NOW you ſay in your Advertiſement you're far from Diſagreable, I really muſt Imagine you Frought with all perfections I could run on with the Diſcription of a Venus but I'm too much in a hurry to impart my Sentiments not doubting but if you're happy enough to have me you'll have no Cauſe to repent my Subſcribing my ſelf.

Yours but not 'till I've ſeen you.

A. Q. X. Y.

N. B. I inſiſt on an Anſwer to be left where this is Directed on Saturday next (if you're not diſpoſed on then.)

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LETTER XLVI.

Madam,

ON my returning to Town yeſterday Evening, I obſerv'd your Advertiſement, I look upon it to be a jeſt, However, if real, ſhould be glad to have the pleaſure of ſeeing you, and as I wiſh for Honour and Secreſy, you may, Madam, rely on both in me——I'm not of any Buſineſs by way of Trade, am about the Age you mention'd, have been flattered by your Sex that I was agreeable——If you will pleaſe to Direct a Line for G. M. at Mr. Hepworth's Cheeſmonger at Little Turnſtile Lincoln's Inn Fields with a clear day's Notice, you ſhall be waited on by.

Madam Yours &c.

G. M.

May the 9th, 1759.

LETTER XLVII.

May the 9th, 1759.

Madam,

AS I puruſed yours, I was Somwhat Efected with the form of your poſcription as Supoſing you a Lady ove Such Sence as will prove of more Value than Any that Heart Can Wiſh for——And as I Know my Affabillity Ancerable to your Requeſt I ſhall wait to Prove Your Reall Atention You may Depend Upon Secreſy.——My Age is Twenty

ty Five, in Tallnes Five feet nine Inchis Limn'd in purportion Straite and H——and Doubts not eye your fancy By Trade a Wever in the Brode Silk way and Maſter ove my Self and Bines——and waits But for What you are able To Produce to form me in Proſpectious Situation As Encuregment Being favourable ——therefore I ſhall wait with Impatience 'till I See you that I may Enlarge By way of Speech——if Such Be Aprov'd on pray Send a Line and Derect for H. D. at the hand-role near the Black Lyon In Mountugal Street Spittle fields Pray Exquefe haſt.